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SUBJECT: PROPOSED NEW ENERGY COMMITTEE AND FOLLOW-UP
TO LTEA

REFS: A) STATE 28957; B) STATE 29559

1. SECGEN WAS UNWILLING TO DELETE ENERGY ITEM FROM AGENDA PRIOR TO FEB. 11 COUNCIL MEETING, AS US REQUESTED (REFTELS), BUT NEITHER HE NOR ANY OTHER DEL OBJECTED TO REQUEST OF US REP (KATZ) MADE AT TIME OF ADOPTION OF AGENDA THAT ITEM BE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL (FEB. 25). US REP WAS SUPPORTED BY UK AMBASSADOR, WHO SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS ISSUE, IF OTHER GOVERNMENTS WERE READY TO DO SO, BUT THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER STUDY.

2. IRISH TOLD US BEFORE COUNCIL MEETINGS THAT EC CAUCUS HAD DECIDED TO GO ALONG WITH SECGEN'S PROPOSAL WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, BUT THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT OTHER EC DELEGATIONS IN ADDITION TO UK WELCOMED POSTPONEMENT, AND BELGIANS HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS. WE UNDERSTAND AUSTRALIANS WILL OPPOSE ANY STEPS ON ENERGY
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OUR SOUNDINGS HAVE NOT UNCOVERED ANY OTHER OPPOSITION TO PROPOSALS, ALTHOUGH DELS RECOGNIZE THAT SEVERAL QUESTIONS NEED TO BE RESOLVED - PARTICULARLY REFERENCES IN DRAFT ENTRY TO ENVIRONMENT (SEE NEXT PARA) AND R AND D, AND STATUS OF ENERGY/OIL SUB-BODIES.

3. NETHERLANDS DELEGATION HAS PROPOSED THAT TWO NEW PARAGRAPHS CONCERNING ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT BE ADDED TO THE DRAFT ENTRY TO BE ADOPTED IN COUNCIL FEB. 25. NEW DRAFT ENTRIES AND IMPLICATIONS ELABORATED IN SEPTEL.

4. IF DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO PROPOSE MAJOR CHANGES IN SECGEN'S PROPOSAL, WE WILL NEED INSTRUCTIONS WELL IN ADVANCE OF FEB. 25 SO THAT WE CAN INFORM AND CONSULT WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS PRIOR TO COUNCIL MEETING.
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